



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
CITY OF CHICAGO

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Dear Mr. Chapman:

On behalf of the City of Chicago Department of Public Health ("CDPH" or "the Department"), I am responding to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request, received on July 11, 2019, seeking the following:

Furthermore, the records responsive to this request will be used to build a greater public understanding of Chicago's decisions, policies, procedures, rules, standards, and other aspects of government activity that affect the conduct of government and the lives of any or all of the people. As such, I humbly ask that the unduly burdensome exemption be waived, as the public interest greatly outweighs the burden on the public body. Consider that the burden is placed on the public body to show that the burden on the public body is outweighed by the public's interest.

If absolutely necessary, I will accept all IGs from 2000 to the present date.

The FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

Please be advised that your request is burdensome. There are approximately 170 agreements to copy to fulfill your request. At about 45 pages copied per minute, it would take an estimated 8 hours without interruption, human error or equipment problems, to complete the copying. It would take a substantial amount of time to review the records. Thereby, as your FOIA request is currently written, the dedication of staff and/or resources is unduly burdensome on the daily operations of the Department of Public Health. For this reason, the staff and/or resources necessary for your FOIA request are duly burdensome on the daily operations of the Department of Public Health.

Therefore, it is necessary for your request to be narrowed (provide a time frame). If you would like assistance in narrowing your request, please contact me and I will assist you. Otherwise, as explained above, we will be unable to respond to your current request.

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If you agree to narrow your request, you must submit a revised written request to my attention. The Department of Public Health will take no further action or send you any further correspondence unless and until your current request is narrowed in writing. If we do not receive your narrowed request within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of this letter, your current request will be denied.

In the event that we do not receive a narrowed request and your current FOIA request is therefore denied, you have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, (877) 299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (312) 745-0083.

Sincerely,

/s/Monica Hernandez
Monica Hernandez
FOIA Officer
Chicago Department of Public Health